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- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the reference(s) listed on the attached form PTO-1449. A copy of Reference AA is attached. References AB, AC, AD, and AW are available in prior application serial number 09/950,646, filed September 13, 2001, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- ☐ A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

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	AW	Kazunori MUKASA, et al. "Dispersion-Managed Transmission Lines with Reverse-Dispersion Fiber" Furukawa Review, No. 19. 2000. pgs. 5-9					
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